

Sunday School Lesson

March 29, 2020

3rd grade through high school

John 11:1-45

"Lazarus, Come Out!"

Materials needed:

Bible or Spark Story Bible

Crayons or markers or colored pencils

Plain Paper, construction paper

Stickers, glitter optional

Scissor

Hole Punch

Yarn or String

Small rocks

Journal

I am writing as if you are working with one child. Please know I realize that some of you have up to four children in this age group. Please modify the language for your situation: one, two, three or four children. Please also modify according to the ages of your children.

1. Tell your child today we are going to learn how Jesus had the power to wake up (bring back to life) a person who had died. The story of Lazarus demonstrates Jesus' power over death. Tell your child it is one of the many miracles (an extraordinary event brought about by God) that Jesus performed during his life on this earth. You may ask them or remind them of Jesus' other miracles: turning water into wine, providing food for 5000 people with a small amount of bread and fish, walking on water, healing the blind man and more.
2. Ask your child how they wake up in the morning - you already know the answer, but it is interesting for them to think about this. Some children have your beautiful voices to awaken them, others may use their own alarm clock, some music, some wake up to the sound of the birds, some their siblings wake them up, etc
3. Read the story to your child or with your child of Jesus healing the blind man found in John 11:1-45 and on page 440 of the Spark Story Bible.
4. Talk with your child about Jesus waking up Lazarus from the dead. He called out to him and he came back to life. We cannot do this, only God and Jesus can do this.
5. Tell your child that Jesus performed this miracle to let everyone know that He was sent to earth by God to show God's love for us and that if we believe in Him, we, too, will have life in heaven someday.
6. Craft to support the story: a. You or your child cut out one heart shape for each member of your family on construction paper (your choice whatever color you have works, plain paper works, too.) b. On each heart shape you or your child write the name of one member of your family. c. the children can decorate each heart shape with stickers, designs, glitter, whatever you have. c. Cut out one heart shape for Jesus that says JESUS LOVES US! d. Make one hole punch at the top and/or bottom of each heart and tie them together

with yarn or string so that you have created a hanging mobile. Put the Jesus heart at the top. Hang it somewhere to remind you and your children during this time of quarantine that God has not forgotten us and that He loves us very much.

7. Create a journal entry for this lesson. Title it March 29, 2020 "Lazarus, Come Out!" Ideas can be written or drawn. Is this story about life or death or both? Why do you think that? What does this story show us about who Jesus is? Did Jesus care about Lazarus? What in the story tells you that?
8. Sing with your child: "Jesus Loves Me, Me, Me" and "My God is So Big!" with younger children.
9. If you have a hymnal at home Sing page 581 in our red hymnal the ELW "You Are Mine" or any song that comfort you and your children.

10. Close with A Prayer

- If you have river stones or garden rocks or just plain rocks that children like to collect on walks, gather a few of them before you begin this prayer.
- Each member of your family can hold one rock or several and then think of something that you would like Jesus to do, such as heal all who are sick or the name of someone in particular, help us end this world wide illness, help us not to be scared, help us to find new ways of reaching our friends and extended family while we are in our homes, etc. Then pray for each concern and set one rock on the floor after each concern is prayed. Talk about giving our worries to Jesus as demonstrated by putting our rocks on the floor and not letting our worries "weigh us down" or make us scared. Next week we can paint our prayer rocks!!

God Bless Us and Keep Us Now and Evermore!! Amen!!